

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Allen Etheridge and the Oak Ridge High School boys' and girls' cross country teams on their success in the 2005 TSSAA Class AAA State Championships.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Allen Etheridge, the Oak Ridge High School cross country teams are two such commendable teams that evince great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the highly accomplished young women of the Oak Ridge High School girls' cross country team have elated their many fans with their fourth place finish in the 2005 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary efforts of the young men of the Oak Ridge High School boys' cross country team thrilled their enthusiastic supporters as they won first place in the TSSAA Class AAA State Championship, thus claiming their first cross country state win since 1991 and their sixth state championship since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the highest levels of sportsmanship and athletic skill were displayed in the dauntless efforts of both the boys and the girls of the Oak Ridge High School cross country teams; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding young men of the championship-winning Wildcats Cross Country Team are runners: Chris Cole, Kendall Ernst, Sean Hagstrom, Ethan McGroom, Maclean O'Donnell, Emerson Peacock, and Ben Shassere; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable young women who comprise the Lady Wildcats Cross Country team are runners: Kelsey Clark, Meghan Hughes, Whitney Irby, Melanie Kulesz, Corinne Lariviere, Laurel O'Donnell, Lauren Oswald, and Tara Tae; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men and women not only made possible a successful and memorable season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Allen Etheridge and the Oak Ridge High School boys' cross country team on capturing the 2005 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship; and we honor and congratulate the Oak Ridge High School girls' cross country team on their sterling fourth place finish in the 2005 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.